

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2007-195-C - ORDER NO. 2007-420
JUNE 5, 2007

IN RE: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications,) ORDER GRANTING
Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina for Review) NPA-NXX RELIEF FOR
of NANPA NXX Code Assignments in the) GREENVILLE RATE
Greenville Rate Center) CENTER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") by way of a Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T" or the "Company") for Review of NANPA NXX Code Assignments in the Greenville Rate Center. According to AT&T, it recently requested one 1000 block of numbers (1,000 numbers) 2XXX within the Greenville wire center to go with a customer's existing dialing plan within the Greenville, South Carolina exchange. It states that it does not have adequate numbering resources to satisfy its customer's demands. However, the record shows that the North American Numbering Pool Administrator ("NANPA") refused to provide these numbering resources because AT&T fails to meet the rate center based months-to-exhaust (MTE) and utilization criterion set forth in the Central Office Code NXX Guidelines.

NANPA's refusal is based on the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") "rate center" basis for determining the need for new numbering resources. Under FCC rules, carriers must exhaust their numbering inventory within six months of the application and meet a rate center utilization threshold of 75 percent in order to

receive additional numbering resources. However, the record reveals that AT&T is 477.649 months from exhausting their inventory and is only using 74.71 percent of its numbering resources.

AT&T petitions the Commission to reverse NANPA's decision. It maintains that it does not have the 2XXX resources in the Greenville Rate Center necessary to provide the service requested by its customer, and it will therefore be unable to provide the telecommunications services requested by the customer if these additional numbering resources are not obtained. The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff states that it has no objections to the Commission granting AT&T's request and believes that the public interest will be served by granting these additional numbering resources.

To this end, the Commission has the authority under both the FCC's rules and the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines to review a decision by NANPA denying a request for numbering resources. Further, under previous procedures used by the North American Numbering Plan Administration ("NANPA"), waivers or exceptions were typically granted in any case where customer hardships could be demonstrated or where the service provider's inventory did not have a block of numbers large enough to meet the customer's specific request. Under NANPA's existing procedures, however, if a carrier fails to meet the utilization threshold for the entire rate center, it will deny granting additional numbering resources and allows no exceptions.

Under the stated authority, we find that that AT&T has demonstrated receipt of a customer request for numbering resources in the Greenville Rate Center that it cannot meet with its current inventory. Furthermore, these additional numbering resources are

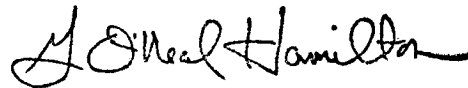
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necessary for AT&T to provide this customer with its required telecommunications service. Consequently, we hold that NANPA is hereby directed to approve AT&T's code assignment that it recently requested for the assignment of one 1000 block of numbers in the Greenville Rate Center.

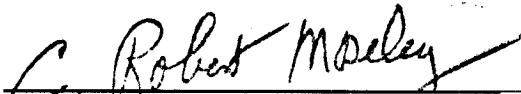
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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